# TEJON TRIBE OF INDIANS MEETING WITH THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S OFFICE AND THE SOLICITOR'S OFFICE SEPTEMBER 29, 2009

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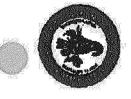
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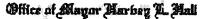
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August 16, 2007

Honorable Carl J. Artman
Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs
U.S. Department of the Interior
MS 4141-MIB
1849 C.St., NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

#### Dear Honorable Artman:

I am writing urging the Bureau of Indian Affairs to confirm the federally recognized status of the Tejon Indian Tribe. The Tejon Indian Tribe and their history are well-known to the residents of Kern County, partly because portions of Kern County comprise the tribe's native area. It is my understanding that the department has a long history of providing services to the Tejon Indian Tribe and held land for the benefit of them through the early 1960's. However, the Tribe is not presently included on the list of federally recognized tribes. As the mayor of Bakersfield, I am pleased to support the endorsement of the Tribe's federal recognition, whether that is accomplished through correction of the list of federally recognized tribes or pursuant to the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act.

This week I met with Ms. Kathryn Montes Morgan the elected chairperson of the Tejon Indian Tribe. She explained that federal confirmation would include placing land in Kern County into trust and declaring that land an Indian reservation. It is my understanding that this initial parcel near Mettler, California would be used for residential purposes and in the future the Tribe could seek to place additional land into trust for other purposes, including economic development.

Again, I respectfully request that the Department confirm without delay the Tribe's status either by correcting the list of federally recognized tribes to include the Tejon Tribe or by allowing the Tribe to organize in accordance to the Indian Reorganization Act. Thank you for your consideration to this most important concern. And, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Harvey L. Hall

Mayor

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By fax: Heather Sibbison (202) 457-6315

cc: Kathryn Montes Morgan, Chairperson, Tejon Indian Tribe





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July 30, 2007

Honorable Carl J. Artman Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs U.S. Department of the Interior MS 4141-MIB 1849 "C" Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Assistant Secretary Artman,

I am writing to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs confirm the federally recognized status of the Tejon Indian Tribe. The Tejon Indian Tribe and its history are well known in Kern County, in part because portions of Kern County comprise the Tribe's aboriginal area. We understand even though the Department has a long history of providing services to the Tribe and held land for the benefit of the Tribe through the early 1960's, the Tribe is not presently included on the list of federally recognized tribes. We fully support the confirmation of the tribe's federally recognized tribes or pursuant to the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act.

As you know, Ms. Kathryn Montes Morgan is the elected chairperson of the Tejon Indian Tribe. In our meetings with tribal representatives, they have explained that federal confirmation would include placing land in Kern County into trust and declaring that land an Indian reservation. We understand that this initial parcel near Mettler, California would be used for residential purposes and that in the future the Tribe could seek to place additional land into trust for other purposes including economic development. We support establishment of a reservation for the Tribe near Mettler and look forward to working with the Tribe on any additional trust acquisitions.

Please be assured that we know of no local opposition to confirmation of the Tribe's federal recognition and establishment of a reservation. The Tribe certainly deserves as much given its difficult history. We respectfully request that the Department expeditiously confirm the Tribe's status either by correcting the list of federally recognized tribes to include the Tejon Tribe or by allowing the Tribe to organize pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely.

Harold W. Hanson

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July 23, 2007

Carl J. Artman
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MS 4141-MIB
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

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As you know, Ms. Kathryn Montes Morgan is the elected chairperson of the Tejon Indian Tribe. In our meetings with tribal representatives, they have explained that federal confirmation would include placing land in Kern County into trust and declaring that land an Indian reservation. We understand that this initial parcel near Mettler, California, would be used for residential purposes including economic development. We support establishment of a reservation for the Tribe near Mettler and look forward to working with the Tribe on any additional trust acquisitions.

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Sincerely,

ROY ASHBURN

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July 26, 2007

Hon. Carl J. Artman Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs U.S. Department of the Interior MS 4141 – MIB 1849 C Street, N.W. Washington D.C. 20240

Dear Assistant Secretary Artman,

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Sincerely,

NICOLE M. PARRA Member of the Assembly 30th District

Cc: Kathryn Montes Morgan, Chairperson, Tejon Indian Tribe

### ERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

LARRY E. REIDER, Superintendent

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September 4, 2007

Honorable Carl J. Artman Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs U.S. Department of Interior MS 4141-MIB 1849 C Street, N. W. Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Assistant Secretary Artman:

In the interests of equity and fairness I respectfully urge you to reinstate recognition of the Tejon Indian Tribe. The Tejon tribe has a long history in Kern County. Many of its 211 closely-related descendants reside in Kern County.

As Kern County superintendent of schools I represent the education of more than 178,000 students in kindergarten through grade 12. Unfortunately, because the Tejon Indian Tribe no longer is recognized, our children are losing the opportunity to learn about this aspect of Kern County's colorful past.

Restoring recognition will do more than open doors of opportunity for tribal members. You can help open educational avenues for Tejon tribal members to share their history and culture with our students. Recognition of the Tejon Indian Tribe will provide added credibility when these Native Americans interact with our students.

Again sir, my request is about equity and honoring commitments that once were made to the Tejon Indian Tribe and later revoked. Please reinstate recognition so the Tejon tribe's proud heritage and history will be rekindled in our schools and community.

Sincerely

Larry E. Reider

Kern County Superintendent of Schools

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c: Kathryn Montes Morgan

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